DDA's policy for conversion from leasehold to freehold

926. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no policy at all in the Delhi Development Authority regarding conversion from leasehold to freehold;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when such policy will be notified by the DDA/Government; and

(c) what action has since been taken by the DDA on the applications of conversion to freehold the fields/ plots submitted after 1st April, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) The scheme of conversion of leasehold rights into freehold which was notified by the Government of India is also applicable to the built-up properties of DDA. This is an open ended scheme subject to revision of rates of conversion from time to time. Upto the 31st March, 2000, the facility of conversion of leasehold to freehold at 1987 land rates was available. The facility of conversion w.e.f. 1.4.2000 is available on revised land rates, according to which the applications which have been submitted after 1.4.2000 for conversion of properties from leasehold to freehold will be processed.

Fund given to Orissa for urban development and poverty alleviation

927. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount given by Government to Orissa in 1998-99 for urban development and poverty alleviation;

(b) whether Government have given any more money for the developmental and restoration work in various municipalities and other local self Government bodies of Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total amount given after cyclone for poverty alleviation programmes in Orissa?